THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two units of 500 MW PHWRs have been approved to be set up at Tarapur in Maharashtra. Four additional units of 500 MWe capacity each are planned to be located at Rawatbhatta in Rajasthan in future, subject to availability of resources. Further, a proposal to commission a detailed project report for a 2 × 1000 MWe Light Water Reactor Station to be located at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu in technical co-operation with the Russion Federation is presently under negotiations.

(c) Yes, Sir. A revised nuclear power programme is under prepartion in the context of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(d) Electricity from Nuclear Power Stations will be relatively cheaper in the southern region being away from coal pit heads.

(e) Installed nuclear power capacity by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan period and Allocation for the Nuclear Power Programme is not yet finalised.

Demand of power in Bihar

1387. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the peak demand and requirement of power in Bihar at the end of Eighth five Year plan have been assessed by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also assessed the per capita power consumption in Bihar during the last three years as compared to all India consumption during the same period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The anticipated power supply position in Bihar during 1996-97 *i.e.* the terminal year of 8th Plan is as per details given below:

	Energy (MU)		Peak Demand (MW)
Requirement	10095	Peak Demand	1839
Availability	8837	Peak met	1371
Shortage	1258	Deficit	468
%	12.5	%	25.4

(c) and (d) The per capita consumption of power in Bihar and in All India during the last three years *i.e.* 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is given below:

Per capita consumption

(Fig. in kwh)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Bihar	117.03	125.78	133.74
All India	283.10	298.96	320.10

Gas connections in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

1388. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 87 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1996 and state by when all registrants in the waiting list in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are likely to be provided with gas connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): New LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country including Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributors of the area and their viability. LPG is not an allocated product and no advance allocation is made. All the people in the waiting list in the country are likely be provided with LPG connections in the next four/five years.

दिल्ली में स्थित आजादपुर सब्जी मंडी को कृषि मंत्रालय को सौंपा जाना

1389. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोज़गार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में स्थित आजादपुर सब्जी मंडी एशिया की सबसे बड़ी सब्जी मंडी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार उपर्युक्त तथ्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए उक्त मंडी को कृषि मंत्रालय को सौंपने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोज़गार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) दिल्ली कृषि उत्पाद विपणन (विनियमन) अधिनयम, 1976 (1976 का अधिनियम संख्या 87) की संस्वीकृति संख्या 8 द्वारा कृषि उत्पाद विपणन समिति, आजादपुर मार्किट, दिल्ली का गठन किया गया। कृषि उत्पाद विपणन समिति, आजादपुर मार्किट, दिल्ली के प्रशासन तथा प्रबन्ध का उत्तरदायित्व दिल्ली सरकार के क्षेत्राधिकार के अन्तर्गत आता है। ऐसा कोई कानून नहीं है जिसके अनुसार कृषि उत्पाद विपणन, समिति आजादपुर मार्किट, दिल्ली का प्रबन्ध केन्द्र सरकार ले सके।

IRDP and JRY Loans to Tribals and Harijans in Rajasthan

1390. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loans and concessions have been given to the tribals and Harijans of Rajasthan especially those living in desert areas under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details of such loans and concessions and the extent thereof granted under each of the above programmes during 1994-95, 1995-96 and upto 14th November, 1996 in the State, indicating the districts covered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND